

AD1044

Creation of first Burmese state at
Pagan

COVENTRY (Warwickshire, England)

noted for the religious mysteries or plays acted here in the 15th century. A magnificent Benedictine monastery was founded at Coventry in 1044 by Earl LEOFRIC and his wife Lady GODIVA. The latter is said to have ridden naked through the town, in fulfillment of a condition laid down by her husband, who had promised certain reforms, if his

wife would perform such an act, supposing
of course she would not do so.

This ride of Lady Godiva was for many
years celebrated by a procession. The town
was incorporated in 1344. Henry VIII
demolished the beautiful Cathedral.

In the 15th century two memorable
parliaments were held in the
monastery; the one contained no
lawyers; the other passed many attainders
against the Duke of York. Coventry was famous
for woollen, broadcloths and blue thread
buntings.

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One of the most faithful of inventions, the navigational compass, appeared in China. The earliest surviving description of a practical compass in a Chinese military manual ~~tells~~ of 1044 tells of a device in the form of a magnetized iron fish, floating on a bowl of water; before long, compass needles hanging on silken threads were more common. By 1115 the magnetic compass was helping navigators less skilled than

the polynesians to sail safely out of
sight of land.